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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Mitchell R Slavitt

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,6,9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,7,8,11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figures 1 and 2 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunbar et al. (Dunbar) in view of Chainer et al. (Chainer). Dunbar teaches a method of writing servo patterns on a magnetic disc via a current controller. See col 4, lines 25-28 and col 9, lines 1-5. Dunbar further teaches reading a magnetic reproduction signal based on a pattern recorded on the magnetic disc. See col 4, lines 37-40. Dunbar teaches detecting a peak signal. See col 7, lines 50-56. Dunbar does not teach normalizing the peak values. Chainer teaches this feature at col 6, lines 42-49. Dunbar further teaches the equivalent applying a correction value that the controller uses to program the N-current preamplifier that will generate optimal write current-setting control signals to a plurality of heads. See col 9, lines 1-46 and lines 54-61. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify

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the method of Dunbar with the suggestion of Chainer to normalize the various amplitude values to restate the values in say a range say from 0 to 1. It is commonly use when data is recorded in the form of a table and placed in memory. Applying an inverse of a normalized number to all the normalized values simply places the same data in another format but does not change the relationships among the values.

Regarding claims 5-6, the servo writer is drawn to an apparatus corresponding to the method in claims 1-2. Therefore since apparatus claims 5-6 correspond to method claims 1-2, it is rejected for the same reasons of obviousness as indicated above.

Regarding claims 9-10, the computer-readable storage medium is drawn to medium corresponding to the method in claims 1-2. Therefore since medium claims 9-10 correspond to method claims 1-2, it is rejected for the same reasons of obviousness as indicated above.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-4, 7-8, and 11-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above claims teach the detecting step detects positive peak values and negative peak values of the magnetic reproduction signals, and the normalizing step adds the positive and negative peak values to normalize the magnetic reproductions signals.

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitchell R Slavitt whose telephone number is (703) 305-2809. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00), 2nd Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R Hudspeth can be reached on (703) 308-4825. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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